

Council Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Wilsonville met in the Town Hall Council chamber at 6:30 PM on Monday September 18th 2023. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ricky Morris at 6:30 PM.

Councilman Blake Ray opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following council members answered roll call: Richard Atchison, Don Belcher, Lauren Kennamer, Larry Lowe, Blake Ray, and Melissa Rosetta. Mavis Cohill was marked present shortly after roll.

Council Minutes from the 9/7 meeting were reviewed.

Motion to approve with 1 correction the 9/7/23 minutes by Don Belcher, second Larry Lowe.

Motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes. Mavis Cohill abstained.

Payment of Bills and review.

Council examined the checks prior to the meeting.

Motion by Blake Ray to approve paying of bills, second by Larry Lowe.

Motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill Abstain; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Mayor Comment: Alabama Power will be testing their alarm system this Wednesday and Thursday at 11am and again around 6pm. To let the Town know.

Budget: FY 2024 Cemetery

A Motion by Richard Atchison to approve FY2024 Cemetery Budget as presented, second Larry Lowe.

Motioned passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Budget: FY 2024 Library

A Motion by Lauren Kennamer to approve the FY2024 Library Budget as presented, second Mavis Cohill.

Motioned passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Budget: FY2024 Sewer Fund

A Motion by Melissa Rosetta to approve the FY2024 Sewer Fund Budget as presented, second by Don Belcher.

Motioned passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Budget: FY 2024 Sanitation

A Motion by Larry Lowe to approve the FY2024 Sanitation Budget as presented, second Lauren Kennamer.

Motioned passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Budget: FY2024 7% Street Fund

A Motion by Richard Atchison to approve the FY2024 7% Street Fund Budget as presented, second Larry Lowe.

Motioned passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Budget: FY2024 4 and 5% Paving

A Motion by Larry Lowe to approve the FY2024 4 and 5% Paving Budget, second by Lauren Kennamer.

Motioned passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Budget: FY2024 Rebuild Alabama Gas Tax

A Motion by Blake Ray to approve the FY2024 Rebuild AL Gas Tax Budget, second Larry Lowe.

Motioned passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Budget: FY2024 State Capital Improvement Fund

A Motion by Larry Lowe to approve FY2024 State Capital Improvement Fund Budget as presented, second Don Belcher

Motioned passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Larry Lowe mentioned to those watching this from home, that the council had worked previously on the budget in a 3-hour work shop and to not think that they were quickly passing these budgets without due consideration.

Budget: FY2024 Water Works

A Motion by Larry Lowe to approve the FY2024 Water Works Budget as presented, Blake Ray second.

Motioned passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Budget: FY2024 General Fund

There was some discussion on the Fire Department numbers, Law Enforcement Contract, and the Contributions for Rescue Services. It was also mentioned that monies showing in the Park and Rec category may be in the wrong category, and Roger Perry explained the ease of making a category mistake with having so many categories for this money in QuickBooks, but that all the money comes from general fund so this would not impact the total number. A motion was made by Larry Lowe to approve the FY2024 General Fund Budget with one change to Rescue Service Contributions to \$17,000, second Don Belcher.

Motioned passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Mayor/Council Committee comments:

Melissa Rosetta spoke of the new location for the food bank. It is moving from the downtown area to the Ball Park/Helms Park and that the Town has worked closely with the food bank to set up signs directing people to the new location and would initially be on site helping to direct traffic to make sure this move goes smoothly.

Public Comments:

Lee McCarty spoke of the once-in-a-life-time opportunity to tell the EPA that we want Alabama utilities to move their toxic coal ash away from our waterways. There is an in-person hearing September 20th in Montgomery, and through the EPA website people have the ability to leave written comments through October 13th. The EPA has proposed denying Alabama Power's coal ash program. Lee mentioned this is a chance for people to stand up for our waterways, our health and our communities.

There being no further business to come before the council, Richard Atchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Lauren Kennamer seconded. The motion received unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Ricky Morris, Mayor

Attest

